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Large-scale desilting exercise, replacing grates on drains at underpasses — BBMP plans to ward of rain-related misery with its two-pronged technique

WHEN SILT HITS THE FAN

Experts question basic design flaws as Palike agrees change in rainfall pattern is catching it by surprise

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The deficit in monsoon seems to have taken the punch out of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) rain-related activities. However, after a few incidents of waterlogging, the Palike is going to jump right in. Large-scale desilting across the city and replacing ordinary grates in underpasses with hinge-attached grates are the two major plans of the civic agency. Experts view the action with a healthy dose of skepticism, saying that drain design itself is to blame so these actions may not add up to much.

As per Palike's plan, desilting would be carried out at roadside drains and cow traps in underpasses. In some cases, BBMP will be adding hinges to gratings as the workers have to remove the grating to clean them.

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"Desilting should be scheduled before the monsoon. As long as desilting does not happen routinely, it's not an effective solution
— Ashwin Mahesh, urban expert

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Soulful Sarangi

Discover the rich history and soulful melodies of the Sarangi, a cherished bowed instrument from the Indian subcontinent, on June 29 from 6 pm to 7.30 pm. Head to the Indian Music Experience Museum in Bengaluru for a captivating lecture demonstration by Sarangi artist Harsh Narayan. Descendant and disciple of Sarangi maestro Pandit Ram Narayan, Harsh will delve into the instrument's evolution from an accompaniment to a revered solo instrument in Hindustani Classical Music. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the enchanting sounds of the Sarangi. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. **When: June 29 June; Where: Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar**

02 Funny bones

Get ready for a hilarious night at the newest comedy club in town! Located in the heart of Koramangala, Ministry of Comedy club offers a stand-up comedy setting that you've only seen on YouTube. Join them on July 1 at 9 pm. The lineup includes seasoned comedians who have opened shows for renowned performers like Kanan Gill, Anubhav Singh Bassi, Biswa Kalyan Rath, and more. Don't miss the chance to enjoy the witty humour of Manish and Vishal Sivakumar, who will keep you entertained with their observational and personal jokes. Tickets on Bookmyshow. **When: July 1; Where: Ministry of Comedy, Koramangala**

03 Morning melodies

Prepare for a mesmerising Sunday morning of classical music at the Jagriti Theatre. Morning Raag with Dr Ranjani Vasuki is a celebration of new beginnings, light, and the dispelling of darkness through beautiful melodies. The artists will enchant you with bright, colourful ragas that evoke joy. Expect a delightful mix of Bhajans, Devaranamas, and Kritis in this enchanting musical journey. Mark your calendars for July 2 at 7:30 am at Lumbini, Jagriti Theatre. Tickets are on Bookmyshow and it is open to all music enthusiasts aged 8 and above. **When: July 2; Where: Lumbini, Jagriti Theatre**

Smells like drugs?: City cops watch petty shops

Many small cigarette shops are reportedly peddling drugs in Bengaluru

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Routine rounds are being conducted to register cases against public smoking; No person can sell or permit the sale of cigarettes to any person who is under eighteen years of age

Police officials are intensifying drives to curb the sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products in and around the city, as officials have discovered that these shops sometimes engage in drug peddling. Additionally, routine rounds are being conducted to register cases against public smoking.

As per Section 6 of the COTPA Act, no person can sell, offer for sale, or permit the sale of cigarettes or any other tobacco product to any person who is under eighteen years of age and in an area within a radius of one hundred yards of any educational institution. Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayananda told Bangalore Mirror, "We are conducting an intensive drive to stop the sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products in and around schools and colleges. We are taking action against small, petty shops selling tobacco-related products. In some places, we have also found narcotic substances. With regards to public smoking, we are booking cases under COTPA."

DCP (Central) Srinivas Gowda told BM that they are conducting drives, and many cases are being registered. "We have conducted drives and have booked nearly 100 people. We are targeting areas around educational institutions."

DCP (South East), CK Baba also confirmed that they are conducting such drives in the South-East division. "We are doing rounds near schools and colleges, and we are curbing public smoking as well. We are focusing on the stoppage of underage smoking. We are booking cases as per the COTPA Act, and we have observed that numbers are increasing." Under Section 4 of the COTPA Act, offenders can be made to be a penalty of up to Rs 200 per offense. The amount for the offense is fixed by the Health Department.

> **"We are conducting an intensive drive to stop sale of tobacco in and around schools and colleges**
> – B Dayananda, Bengaluru Police Commissioner

Anti-tobacco activists say that action needs to be severe and shops should be closed down. "Shops selling tobacco-related products near schools are a great challenge, and we are trying to see if they can be removed. Such shops should be closed down and relocated.

Vendor licensing needs to be implemented similarly to alcohol sales. The COTPA Act needs to be amended to increase the age to 21 and also allow officials to close down these petty shops selling tobacco near educational institutions," said SJ Chander, Convenor of Consortium For Tobacco-Free Karnataka.

VK Education fair: All's well that ends well!

The eighth edition of the Vijay Karnataka Education Fair concluded successfully on Sunday, providing an invaluable opportunity for parents and students to connect with educationists, counsellors, and college management. The event allowed students to make informed decisions regarding college enrolment. The fair also served as a platform for colleges to engage with potential students.

The event witnessed a significant turnout not only from Bengaluru but also from neighbouring districts. Prashant Kumar from Davangere said he was very motivated to be at the event.

He said, "I'm actually preparing for my IAS competitive exam, so I wanted to learn more about colleges in Bengaluru." Varsha P, currently pursuing B Comm at BGS Institute of Management Studies, shared, "Attending the VK Educational fair made it easier for me to research and gather detailed information about various M Com colleges in Bengaluru, which was challenging due to my location in Chikkaballapur." Rishika Shetty, a student from National College Bengaluru, found the event to be a great initiative that provided valuable insights while contemplating her post-12th standard options.

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Vaibhav S, pursuing Hotel Management at KLE Society's S Nijalingappa College, emphasised the fair's ability to exceed expectations, offering valuable resources for undergraduate students. Darshan, who aspires to pursue an MBA, appreciated the opportunity to explore new colleges and what they had to offer. Rajeev, another student, highlighted the fair's importance in acquiring information about higher education and career choices, particularly noting the significance of counselling stalls.

Gayatri, hailing from rural Ramnagar, viewed the event as a blessing for students with limited access to technology, providing a multitude of college options under one roof for comparison in her pursuit of BE studies.

Sahas S K, having recently completed his schooling, acknowledged that while he had already made a decision about his undergraduate college, attending the VK Educational Fair expanded his exposure to various colleges, offering additional options for him to consider for future studies. **— Prakash VL**

Running on empty: Free bus rides put autos in a spot

Auto rickshaw drivers say they have lost sizeable chunk of women customers and are reeling under losses

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Since the implementation of Shakti scheme allowing free bus travel for women in the state, auto drivers have complained that their earnings have reduced to a minimum.

Vijay Moses, an auto driver, said that prior to the implementation of the scheme, over 70% of his customers would be women. "They (women) now choose to travel by bus to save money. Even if the buses are crowded or not on schedule, they wait for buses with free space instead of opting for an auto. I get women customers only when they have an immediate emergency to attend to," he said, adding that despite plying around busy neighbourhoods like Shivajinagar, he is only able to make a meager amount each day.

Padmanabha, another auto driver, said that they earn close to Rs 1,400 on a good day after covering close to 100 kilometres.

"From the earning, we spend Rs 400 on gas and a massive amount goes in daily expenses – food and other household items. I'm left with Rs 600-700 by the end of the day," he said, suggesting that if the government provided the same Rs 600-700 on a daily basis to the drivers along with gas, they would provide their services on designated routes without hesitation.

He further said that their business began to initially tumble when the metro was introduced and has gotten worse since bike taxis were allowed to function. In March this year, auto drivers had held a strike demanding the government to ban bike taxi services which are eating away their earnings.

Peace Auto and Taxi Drivers Association's Raghu Narayana Gowda told Bangalore Mirror that in the IT pockets of the city, the auto business has seen a downfall of 30% while other localities have witnessed a 50% reduction.

"We are currently not receiving rides that involve long distances. Even after waiting for close to an hour, we are only receiving rides that will cost the minimum fare of Rs 30. Such rides are not profitable and hence, our drivers tend to dismiss them," he said, adding that the industry is currently in a miserable state.

He said that the government had promised to address their issues in a meeting convened by them, with regard to the Shakti scheme as well as the bike taxi matter after they wrote to the authorities. However, they have not received any information regarding the meeting yet.

Overpriced rides

On the other hand, many commuters say that they have stopped using autos for travel due to overcharging. "They demand Rs 150 for last mile connectivity rides that are not even 3 km away. There is no room for negotiation either. Bike taxis act as a cheaper alternative," said Krishna, a commuter.

Friendly fight leads to gruesome murder

A young man was stabbed to death by a group of his friends in Haralur on Kasavinahalli Main Road on Saturday evening. The deceased has been identified as David, 20.

David, who was originally from Nepal, worked as a cook. On Saturday evening, David had a party with his friends at a bar, and while drinking, he quarreled with his friends.

Later, when he was going home, his friends attacked him, stabbed him with a knife, assaulted him and ran away. David bled profusely from the attack and died on the spot. The accused and the deceased David were residents of Nepal and lived close to each other. A case has been registered in Bellandur police station. Whitefield DCP and Bellandur police visited the spot where the incident took place and are searching for the accused. **BMB**

Pervert caught in the act

A man was caught red-handed while he was filming a woman bathing at a ladies' PG accommodation in Mahadevapura.

Ashok, who hails from Chikkaballapur, has been identified as the accused. According to sources, he used to work in the credit card department of a private bank. The accused lived in a PG in Mahadevapura. He used to always sit in front of the PG where he lived, paying attention to the Ladies PG. As any young woman came to take a bath, he would get into action.

He used to film it on his mobile phone through the ventilation. He was caught red-handed while committing the crime on June 21 and was handed over to the police by the locals.

When the mobile phone of the accused was checked, videos of seven young women were found. The police said that they are interrogating the accused. **BMB**

Students complain of cat-calls, teasing on way to college

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College girls in the city have been complaining that they are facing catcalls and harassment outside their educational institute.

Female students complain that there is an increase in the number of boys walking around their college in the morning and evening. They claim that the boys are involved in wheeling near the college, and also rash driving.

Students say that they are even teased near the bus stands while they are waiting for the bus, stating that boys on bikes would stand on bus stands just to tease girls.

Nitya*, a student of Christ University in Bengaluru, says that there is a particular street near her college which is infamous for teenage bikers to hang around to tease girls.

"Young boys would come near the college when the college students start leaving, they would roam around the back side of the college or on the street. They would tease girls and sometimes even harass them. These are mostly teenagers who would come on bikes and park near small shops. This isn't a new thing, this has been happening for years and most probably that's the reason the authorities don't take it seriously," she said.

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She added that she often spots Hoysala vehicles patrolling in the area, but the police would not do much about the eve teasing incidents. "The police would scold the bikers and then for sometime the bikers would go away, but resume the same thing from the next day," she added.

Another student of MCC says that they see the same thing near the girl's PG accommodation. "My friends from college live in the same PG near our college. It has never happened to me, but there was an incident where someone followed a girl from the college to the PG and started teasing her," she said.

A police official said that there is police patrolling near educational institutes to avoid harassment of female students.

Back to work again

Construction of foot overbridge at KR Puram Junction finally resumes after resolution of land acquisition issues; it is one of the busiest junctions in B'luru

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Work in progress at KR Puram; Thousands of passengers who arrive by train and flight at KR Puram railway station face difficulties crossing the road. The KR Puram metro is also attracting more passengers

Pedestrians who find it difficult to cross the congested KR Puram intersection on a daily basis can breathe a sigh of relief, thanks to the construction of a foot overbridge (FOB) at the junction resuming after a hiatus.

Although the work kicked off in May, it was stalled for over 50 days due to a land acquisition issue between Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) and South Western Railways (SWR). However, after multiple interventions, BMRCL and SWR reached an agreement to lease the land, and SWR has approved the resumption of work.

The KR Puram junction is known as one of the most critical junctions. Thousands of passengers who arrive by train and flight at KR Puram railway station face difficulties crossing the road. The large number of people crossing the busy junction results in safety hazards and traffic congestion. With the fully functional KR Puram metro station attracting even more passengers, there was a pressing need to construct an FOB. The FOB, once constructed, will connect KR Puram railway station to KR Puram metro station.

Although the work started in May, railway officials halted the progress initiated by BMRCL. Clement Jayakumar, Secretary of Mahadevpura Task Force, said, "The railway officers stopped the work being done by BMRCL, stating that administrative formalities and the handover of alternate land must be completed before the FOB work can commence. This was expected to delay the project starting by one year or more, as land acquisition and transfer processes take time."

Initially, the agreement between the two departments involved a land exchange before BMRCL could begin the work. However, the railways demanded a halt to the work since the land had not been handed over and this transfer would take a considerable amount of time. Consequently, BMRCL opted for a lease agreement.

"The administrative work for leasing the land would take another three months, further delaying the work. BMRCL had deposited an amount for the land lease, but documentation still needed to be completed. After escalation and intervention at multiple levels, the railway officials finally gave approval to restart the work," added Clement.

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> – Clement Jayakumar, Mahadevpura Task Force

A letter from SWR stated, "A proposal for leasing 223.60 sqm of railway land at KR Puram was received from BMRCL. Administrative approval of the competent authority has been obtained for processing the proposal further. Considering the urgency and importance mentioned by BMRCL authorities, in-principle approval is accorded."

The contractor is expected to resume work on Monday and aims to complete the project within three months. Once the FOB is constructed, it will benefit thousands of people. A passenger emphasised the importance of installing escalators or lifts as many of them carry luggage, making it difficult for them to climb up stairs and reach the other end.

Citizens pedal for change

In a bid to create awareness of road safety, health, and infrastructure, over 300 enthusiastic citizens participated in a cycling and running activity from Nagarbhavi to Basaveshwaranagar. The event aimed to spread awareness on these important topics. GM Hospitals, in collaboration with Trail4Track, Bengaluru Athletics Community, Bengaluru MMA, Samayu, and Jhatkaa.org, organised the drive on Sunday. The event aimed to highlight the importance of improving cycling infrastructure for cleaner air, road safety, and improved health. More than 300 enthusiastic citizens gathered at GM Hospital, Nagarbhavi, to participate in the event, which involved cycling and running from the GM Hospital in Nagarbhavi to the GM Hospital in Basaveshwaranagar.

The event catered to individuals of all ages and abilities, encouraging runners, cyclists, and specially challenged citizens to raise awareness and advocate for a more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable city.

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The main activities included a 14 km run and a 23 km cycling route for adults, a 1.4 km run and a 2.3 km ride for kids, and a 5 km run for specially challenged citizens accompanied by their running roadies.

The event started at 6:15 am after participants received their BIB kits, and a Zumba activity served as a warm-up. After the event, participants were presented with medals and coupons for health checkups.

Dhanush, a passionate cyclist and Guinness World Record holder who was part of the event, said, "I have ridden 24,000 km all over India. It is great to see so many people coming together for their fitness, which will inspire more citizens to embrace cycling and reduce pollution levels in the city. My aim is to see one cycle per house, which will not only reduce traffic but also cultivate respect for cyclists and improve citizens' health." Sunil, one of the event organisers, said, "It is great to see so many people joining the event as cyclists and runners. It was amazing to be a part of such an initiative to spread awareness about roads and the health of citizens."

As Bengaluru has been grappling with severe traffic congestion, leading to increased air pollution and adverse effects on the health of citizens and the environment, it is important for people to adapt to cycling. The citizens also signed an online petition started by Jhatkaa.org, urging decision-makers to invest more in cycling and pedestrian-friendly streets.

Chiku, Senior Engagement Associate at Jhatkaa.org, said, "The petition highlights the need for inclusive infrastructure, creating safer environments for communities, and promoting better health and environmental conditions. Currently, the petition has garnered over 9,000 supporters."

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Waste woes

MM Road

Solid waste has accumulated on the footpath opposite UCO Bank ATM and Taj Hotel, MM Road, Frazer Town.

Clean the garbage

Shrinivas Nagar

The garbage contractor on 22nd Main Road, Shrinivas Nagar, BHEL Society, near Shiva Temple, does not clear the garbage.

Dangerous?

Mahalakshmi Layout

Eateries deep-frying items in boiling oil on busy roadsides, like in Mahalakshmi Layout, can be very dangerous. Hot oil can accidentally spill over.

Last-mile connectivity: B'luru rallies for more buses

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The campaign organiSed by Namma Bengaluru Foundation and V3 Foundation, in collaboration with the local Residents' Welfare Association, aimed to raise awareness about the Bus Beku initiative, road safety, and the importance of refraining from honking. The event took place in Vinayaka Nagar, ward number 87, and saw the participation of more than 10 residents.

The primary objective of the Bus Beku campaign is to establish a feeder minibus service, available through a paid service, for the residents of Annasandra Palya, Vinayaka Nagar, Basavanagar, and Kaggadasapura. These localities have a combined population of over 2 lakh people, including a significant number of daily commuters. The campaign estimates that there are at least 50,000 potential bus users among these residents.

The campaign highlights the need for public transportation solutions to address the transportation challenges faced by these densely populated areas. By advocating for a feeder minibus service, the campaign aims to improve commuting options for residents and reduce reliance on private vehicles, consequently easing traffic congestion and reducing air pollution in the region.

Residents of Vinayakanagar gathered near a temple to demand a feeder bus service

The participants of the campaign have made efforts to spread the message of road safety, promote responsible driving habits, and raise awareness about the importance of public transportation. They organised a procession through the streets of Vinayaka Nagar to draw the attention of residents and commuters. The participants are also urging the relevant stakeholders and authorities to recognise the urgent need for a feeder minibus service and collaborate to make it a reality.

Namma Bengaluru Foundation general manager Vinod Jacob emphasised the importance of having feeder buses as a means of providing last-mile connectivity to Metro stations and other bus transfer depots. "We need better last mile connectivity to ensure ridership in both BMTC and BMRCL, so many layouts don't have this last mile feeder busses pushing citizens to take their own vehicles which drives traffic congestion, delays and pollution in the city. We want BMTC to look at how they can connect their depots to these layouts and metro stations," said Vinod Jacob.

"The residents of Vinayakanagar requested KR Puram MLA Byrathi Basavaraj to provide a feeder bus service to the nearest metro station. The residents are waiting for the feeder bus service," Ravi Kanth, a volunteer from V3 Foundation, stated. Kanth also told BM the challenges faced by residents in Annasandra Palya, Vinayaka Nagar, and Ramesh Nagar, who have been deprived of bus facilities on various pretexts.

Saplings at Basavanapura Lake battle with cattle

Residents of area have been taking care of plants that have turned fodder for cows

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Basavanapura Lake, located in the vicinity of Basavanapura and surrounding areas, has been a focal point of efforts by lake activists and local residents to promote greenery and conservation. This practice in Basavanapura Lake was done by planting hundreds of saplings. However, their efforts are being hampered by a significant challenge: the survival of saplings on the southern side of the lake has been minimal, primarily due to the presence of stray cattle.

"I personally spent money to purchase saplings and encouraged residents to become lake volunteers for planting saplings. The more we plant saplings, the more stray cattle enter the lake to eat those saplings. I have been appealing to the BBMP Lakes Department and home guards posted there to protect saplings from the stray cattle but in vain," said Balaji Raghotham, a lake activist.

The fence surrounding Basavanapura Lake is either broken or damaged at four locations on the southern side of the lake along the newly asphalted road. It is alleged that a portion of the fence was damaged while asphalting the road but the contractor or the former corporator did not bother to repair the damaged fence. A correspondent who visited Basavanapura Lake on Sunday afternoon noticed a stray cattle grazing on the lake bund where saplings are planted.

KR Anjaneya Reddy, a lake activist from Vijaya Bank Colony, has expressed shock and disappointment over the loss of saplings. "I have been working as a lake activist for more than a year. We have planted many saplings but most of them are lost due to stray cattle. We have also told the home guards to keep a vigil on stray cattle but in vain. I want the authorities concerned to take measures to prevent stray cattle from entering the lake area," said Anjaneya Reddy.

The home guard posted at the lake said the stray cattle entered the lake area through the hole in the fence. "Some miscreants damaged the fence at four locations on the southern and eastern sides of the lake. It has become a tough task for me to ensure these holes are closed," said a home guard.

On this, the Home Guards Unit Officer Nagaraj said that he would take measures to ensure tight security at the lake. "I am also aware of the broken fence. I have already made an appeal to the BBMP Lakes Department to fix this problem. I will visit the lake soon to fix the broken fence," said Nagaraj.

Meanwhile, BBMP Executive Engineer (Lakes) Bhupradha has said that she would look into the matter. "Home guards informed me about the broken fence. We will fix the broken fence soon. I will ask the home guard to keep a vigil on stray cattle that enter the lake area through a broken fence," said the executive engineer.

Saplings at Basavanapura Lake bed eaten by stray cattle; inset: the broken fence around the lake

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> – Balaji Raghotham lake activist

Concrete benches donated

Vasavi Club KCGF Banashankari has donated four concrete benches for the benefit of senior citizens who visit Basavanapura Lake for a walk in the morning and evening. The members of Vasavi Clubs International have planted 11 saplings. Sarees and dhotis were distributed among the needy people.
"We have distributed 100 notebooks among the students of government school. We have also donated a pesticide sprayer to a farmer on the occasion.

Groceries were given to a disabled and needy person for one month. We have also felicitated an ex-serviceman," said N Sree Lakshmi, president of Vasavi Club KSGF Banashankari.

IN BRIEF

Trainer aircraft grounded at farm land

In the district of Kalaburagi, Karnataka, a two-seater trainer aircraft operated by the private flight training academy, Redbird Flight Training Academy, made an emergency landing on agricultural land in Chittapur taluk. Fortunately, there were no casualties reported, and the aircraft sustained no significant damage.

According to the police, the Kalaburagi Airport authorities informed them that the aircraft encountered technical issues shortly after taking off from the domestic airport. Consequently, the pilot instructor made the decision to land on farmland near Pete Sirur village after notifying the Air Traffic Control (ATC). Both the pilot instructor and the trainee on board the aircraft are confirmed to be safe. Local police visited the location of the emergency landing. Authorities, including the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), have been notified about the incident. A team will be dispatched to probe the matter.

3 students held for growing, selling cannabis

Three students from Tamil Nadu and Kerala have been arrested in Shivamogga, Karnataka, India for allegedly cultivating and selling cannabis using advanced farming techniques.

"Police received information that the accused was involved in the business for the last three and half months," GK Mithun Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Shivamogga said.

The other two accused were identified as Vinod Kumar (27), a resident of Idukki, Kerala and Pandidorai (27), a resident of Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu, Police recovered 227 grams of ganja, 1.53 kg raw ganja, 10 grams of charas, a small bottle containing ganja seeds, 3 cannabis oil syringes, two cans used for making ganja powder from the possession of the accused," SP said. The official provided further details, stating Vighnaraj (28), a resident of Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu, cultivated cannabis in pots at his rented accommodation in Shiva Ganga Layout Mahadevapura. He employed a technique known as "spider farming," creating an artificial environment inside the house to grow the cannabis without arousing suspicion from the landlord.

Price heat is on in kitchens

With staples witnessing staggering increase in prices due to inflation, households struggle to manage food bills; scanty rainfall can cause another price jolt

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Price of lentils such as pigeon pea has gone up by 62.7% and that of kidney beans has gone up by 36.35%

Even as the impact of inflation hits households with the prices of a majority of grocery products shooting up, there is an added concern that if monsoon fails to bring adequate rainfall, potentially disrupting the cropping pattern and leading to another round of price rise. For instance, the price of rice has surged by 10%. Pigeon peas (toor dal), a key ingredient in sambar, has experienced a staggering price hike of 62.79%. Customers will now have to pay Rs. 140 for toor dal, compared to its previous price of Rs. 86 per kilogram. Similarly, black gram (urad) dal has become 22.11% more expensive. The cost of Byadgi chilli has skyrocketed by Rs. 520 per kilogram, marking an alarming increase of 157.58%.

Wheat flour, a staple in many households, has seen a price increase of Rs. 6 per kilogram, resulting in a 23.08% surge from its previous price. The prices of refined flour (maida) have risen by Rs. 8 per kilogram. Red lentil (masoor dal) has witnessed an increase of Rs. 24 per kilogram, equating to a 31.58% rise in price. White chickpea (Kabuli chana) has become costlier by Rs. 41 per kilogram, which is an increase of 48.81%. Green gram (moong) dal, another widely consumed lentil, has experienced a price surge of Rs. 31 per kg, indicating a 41.89% rise. Tamarind, a tangy ingredient used in various dishes, has seen its price go up by Rs. 54 per kg, signifying a 42.86% rise. Kidney beans (rajma) has become costlier by Rs. 36 per kilogram that is a 36.36% rise. Customers will now have to pay Rs. 135 per kilogram for rajma, compared to its previous price of Rs. 99. Chilli powder has seen a price surge of Rs. 239 per kg, translating to a substantial increase of 128.49%. Pepper has become costlier by Rs. 149 per kg, reflecting a 39.21% increase. Customers will now have to pay Rs. 529 per kg for pepper. Cardamom (elaich) is costlier by Rs. 700 per kilogram, indicating a staggering increase of 60.87%.

Costly bites

ITEM	(Rs/ per kg) Old Rate	New Rate
Rice	40	50
Toor Dal	86	140
Urad Dal	95	116
Byadgi Chilli	330	850
Wheat Flour	26	32
Maida	28	36
Masoor Dal	76	100
Kabuli Chana	84	125
Moong Da	174	105
Jeera	186	525
Tamarind	126	180
Rajma	99	135
Chilli Powder	186	425
Daniya Powder	150	218
Pepper	380	529
Elaichi	1150	1850

According to KM Vishwanath, a wholesale trader, "The drop in production has failed to match the increasing demand. Currently, we are importing toor dal from countries like Myanmar, Bangladesh, and Tanzania. If the imports are affected, we may witness further price rises." Rameshchandra Lahoti, president of APMC Wholesale Grain Merchants Association, said that the production of toor dal was hampered due to heavy rainfall last year, resulting in inadequate supply to meet the demand. "This is the primary reason for the surge in prices," he said.

Cumin (jeera) prices have risen as the supply from Gujarat and Rajasthan has been affected due to increased summer temperatures impacting production in those states. In Karnataka, toor dal is predominantly grown in the Kalaburagi region. However, heavy rainfall last year led to a drop of nearly 70% in production. Sources suggest that some traders have been stockpiling grains to create artificial scarcity.

Meanwhile, tomato prices have been consistently rising as well. In the Kolar market, one of the major suppliers of tomatoes, a 15 kg carton is being sold for Rs. 1,100. Despite it being the tomato season, the produce is not reaching the market as anticipated. Traders in Kolar say that usually they witness 400 to 500 trucks entering the market with tomatoes, but this year it has been limited to just 100 trucks. Traders attribute the reduced production to pest infestations.

Even eateries are considering price hikes. PC Rao, President of the Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association, said, "We are witnessing price increases due to the hike in power tariffs. The prices of most grains, vegetables, and even coffee have gone up. There are now discussions about potential increases in milk and rice prices. So, we urge the government to intervene and control prices. If prices are not controlled, we may be compelled to raise food prices."

'Saviours of humanity' felicitated

Karnataka High Court Judge Dinesh Kumar said that surgeons' service has been immeasurable and they are the saviours of humanity.

He was speaking after felicitating senior surgeons Professor PS Prabhakaran and Professor N Srinivasan on the occasion of Surgeons' Day organised by Karnataka State Chapter Association of Surgeons in association of Surgical Society of Bengaluru. Justice Kumar said patients experience pain during the surgery but the surgeons help them to lead life with smile. "Surgeons are the true form of Gods," he said.

On the occasion, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences Vice Chancellor Dr MK Ramesh said that the incidents of attacks on doctors have increased and the media has been exaggerating small incidents and doctors are trolled on social media. "Authorities have to take doctors into confidence while enacting laws for the protection of doctors. If doctors are not consulted, such laws will become ineffective and of no use," said Dr Ramesh.

Doctors speak of need to take people from their fraternity into confidence before enacting laws for their protection

According to Dr Shivaram, president of Karnataka State Chapter of the Association of Surgeons of India, health camps were organised at Bengaluru, Tumakuru, Raichur, Mysuru and other cities on the occasion of Surgeons' Day. "Hundreds of people availed the benefit of medical camps. More than 1500 surgeons are in Bengaluru," said Dr Shivaram.

Bangalore Surgical Society president Dr Venkatesh has said the day Shushruta performed the surgery has been celebrated as the Surgeons' Day. "Surgery plays a key role to cure cancer and cardiac problems. Bengaluru is known for medical tourism," said Dr Venkatesh.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Spot quiz

Recently, Bidar district in charge Minister Eshwar Khandre visited a government school. Seeing the students, he decided to test their general knowledge by asking a few spot questions. Khandre's first question was, who is the Chief Minister of Karnataka and pat came the reply from students that it was Siddaramaiah. This prompted Khandre to ask students who the President of the country was. A few students said that it was Narendra Modi and the people who had gathered there burst into laughter. After hearing this, Khandre decided to stop the quiz and move on with his official work.

Struggling for answers

In a press conference held not long ago, BJP General Secretary CT Ravi faced a tough time fielding questions from journalists. Ravi, who had recently suffered defeat in the Chikkamagaluru Assembly elections, attempted to criticise the Congress government for its extension of freebies, citing its potential impact on the economy. However, when journalists inquired about how he would defend the BJP government's own promise of freebies in Madhya Pradesh, Ravi faltered to provide a convincing answer. He acknowledged how the culture of freebies attempts to influence every political party, leaving him struggling to defend his position.

Costly protest

During a press conference, former CM HD Kumaraswamy expressed his criticism of the State Government regarding the challenges people faced while trying to register for Gruha Jyoti. Journalists questioned HDK about the absence of concrete actions such as protests to support his statements. HDK explained that organising on-ground protests is a costly endeavor, as each protestor would require payment ranging from Rs 300 to Rs 400.

Right punches?

Legislators often showcase their hidden talents, offering glimpses into their lives outside of politics. Chitradurga MLA KC Veerendra recently revealed his prowess in boxing, impressing many. A viral video captured Veerendra delivering punches to his fellow sportsperson, showcasing his dedication to maintaining his fitness levels not only within the sports arena but also beyond it.

Why no free ride?

Bus conductors are finding themselves in a challenging situation as some "irate" male passengers adamantly refuse to buy tickets, leading to a barrage of questions. In a recent incident in Chikkaballapur, a senior citizen flat-out refused to pay for a ticket. When the conductor insisted on payment, the senior citizen argued, "Look, I even have an Aadhaar card for identification. I am a destitute individual. Why doesn't your government allow me to travel for free? Why are men being left out?" The conductor faced a daunting task in persuading the elderly gentleman to get his ticket.

-Sridhar Vivan

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Same, but different

Processing ongoing loss – such as a child with a devastating injury/disability – does not fit into traditional models of grief

Traditional loss is typically considered a five-stage process, linear and time-bound, where a person moves from denial to acceptance.

Generally, traditional loss is linked to death – such as the death of a loved one, or a miscarriage. It is permanent, often abrupt, occurring when someone or something once present is suddenly absent.

But loss is complex. Other kinds of loss do not follow the one-size-fits-all archetype, and many experts now criticize the five stages of grief model.

As a nursing professor who researches the impact of childhood illness on family well-being, one of my main areas of study is how people navigate another type of loss – ambiguous loss, or loss without closure.

Coping with absence, letting go

Ambiguous loss is something that's ongoing, recurring, or unresolved. The loved one is still alive but different from who they once were.

For over a decade, I have worked with hundreds of parents who became caregivers to once-healthy children who sustained a devastating injury or illness. Perhaps the child has a traumatic brain injury, resulting from a car accident or a near drowning. Or they were born with progressive disabilities resulting in the need for specialised, long-term care.

In these instances, the caregiver is not only coping with the absence of what was but letting go of what could have been.

As one parent said to me: "You have all these dreams for your child. Sometimes with disabilities those things will never happen. Re-evaluating expectations is challenging and a little sad."

Because of the ambiguity of these types of experiences, nothing – no model, no set number of stages – can fully prepare parents to navigate this type of loss.

But although ambiguous loss differs from traditional loss, researchers still lump the two together. That is why studies on ambiguous loss are scarce, and there is no formula to help the caregivers manage their grief.

Until researchers abandon their traditional view of loss, we won't fully understand how to help those experiencing ambiguous loss.

Finding meaning in loss

During the 1960s, psychiatrist Viktor Frankl developed the concept of "Will to Meaning," based on his experience as a Holocaust survivor in Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

Frankl saw some prisoners in the camp keep a positive attitude and wondered how they did it in such a treacherous environment. He came to understand that humans have the ability to choose how they perceive their experiences. Finding meaning, he learned, helps people persevere through their suffering.

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In the 1980s, Frankl's concepts were adapted into the "theory of meaning" – essentially a guide for nurses on how to help patients find meaning and purpose after an unprecedented loss. Nurses discovered that an individual's active, personal decisions could alter that person's perception of these traumatic experiences.

That theory of meaning proved to be a beacon of hope for people in difficult situations. For decades, nurses throughout the world have used this concept to reach out to countless numbers of patients, particularly those who have cancer, spinal cord injuries, drug or alcohol addictions, or those in hospice care.

But I believe my work is the first of its kind to use the theory of meaning to interact with parents experiencing ambiguous loss. I interviewed eight parents of children with an acquired disability – mostly traumatic brain injuries – to better understand whether they were able to find meaning in their loss.

I found that parents were experiencing profound suffering because they were on edge, worried about lifelong care for their child and unaware of the consequences of loss. This suffering reached every family member and led to strained marital relationships, depression, anxiety, anger, sleep deprivation and fear of the unknown.

However, parents overcame these challenges by providing care to their child and creating a space to connect to family, friends and other parents undergoing similar experiences. They found joy in their child's smallest success. The result was deeper relationships within their family and a hopeful outlook for the future.

One parent told me: "There's nothing that's ever been harder … but caring for (my child) is the most rewarding thing I've ever done with my life." Another said: "He has overcome so much, and our family has grown because of what we've experienced."

It's clear these parents didn't just move through the traditional stages of denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Surely these broad emotions and feelings were likely present, probably even all at once. But they were able to choose how they perceived their experiences – to find purpose in their caregiving regardless of the disability.

These parents didn't simply accept their loss as the traditional model describes, but transformed it into something meaningful to help them persevere through their experiences.

How to help

What these parents often lack is community-based support, such as respite care, transportation, financial aid, and support groups. This helps parents meet basic needs so they can take care of themselves, reflect on their experiences more clearly and find meaning to push them forward.

During a time of ambiguous loss, parents say their lives have turned upside down; they are trying to navigate a new normal. They feel isolated, lonely, misunderstood and judged.

If you know someone experiencing ambiguous loss, it helps to simply ask them how they're doing. You might offer to bring them dinner, include them in activities or just sit with them and listen. These simple acts of kindness may help them feel better understood – and reinvigorate their purpose to face another day.

- Brad Phillips (The Conversation)

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My life is a big mess and I don't know what to. I'm in my early-40s with a lovely husband and great kids. I'm fit and healthy and look good for my age. I also have a job I love and brilliant friends. From the outside it looks perfect. But I've been cheating on my husband for the past year with a guy I knew before I was married. I don't see him every week, but we meet up regularly for drinks or dinner and then go back to his place for sex, which is really what it's all about.
This guy couldn't be further from my husband in terms of personality. He's a confirmed bachelor, a bit arrogant and cancels arrangements at the last minute or leaves me sitting alone in a bar for an hour, waiting. I'm a strong woman in every other area of my life, so it's crazy I allow myself to be manipulated. I can't explain why I'm going back because I realise I'm playing a dangerous game. Please help.

COLEEN SAYS

I don't know why you're so determined to sabotage what you have – maybe it's rooted in your childhood or past relationships. Counselling might help you to unpick it.
You don't need me to tell you that you need to end this relationship. Even if you weren't married, this guy doesn't sound like a catch – he's manipulative. You could lose everything for someone who shows you zero respect.
I think you have to work on building your self-esteem, so you believe you're worth more than anything this guy has to offer.
Try to separate yourself from the emotion (and sex). Imagine the scenario where you're dividing up your home and telling your kids the marriage is over.
Your husband might be great, but your marriage can't be working well if you're sleeping with someone else.

— Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

How a road was fixed

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Residents of Prakruti Layout in Singapura informed Bangalore Mirror that the issue of non-asphalted roads in Prakruti Layout, Singapura, Ward 15, under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) was addressed and resolved within a span of 12 days after being highlighted by Bangalore Mirror.

A resident of the area had told Bangalore Mirror that a pipeline project was taken up by the BWSSB close to a year ago. While most of the stretch had been completed, a patch of close to 100 meters had been left unfinished. "Despite calling the contractors multiple times and calling the assistant engineer, there has been no progress. We are told that the work will be taken up tomorrow, but tomorrow never arrives," mentioned the resident.

The dug-up road was ridden with potholes and covered by gravel at certain spots only, causing trouble to commuters on the road. The resident had said that while restoration work – asphalting – had begun at other places, the 100 metres stretch had been left unattended.

After Bangalore Mirror reported regarding the same, the issue has been resolved.

Rain-proofing city's roads by desilting

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A senior BBMP official said, "We are taking up all the necessary steps, and desilting is one of the major activities. Additionally, we are also taking up cleaning of the gratings. In some cases, the grating is fixed and cannot be removed. Cleaning cannot happen underneath without removing them. We are trying to cut open the drains and redo the gratings. The grating will be added with a hinge to avoid cutting them every year." The Palike is also looking at vertical gratings as a solution.

On progress of work, he said, "There are 36 underpasses and 19 road underbridges in the city, and we have attended to all of them. We are also attending to BMRCL-related issues, like in the case of the Kadubeesanahalli underpass, where the piling work breached the drainage pipe. We have replaced the drainage pipe," he added.

Opposing the public view that Palike undertakes knee-jerk reactions after accidents, Palike officials clarified that changing rain patterns are to blame. "There is always shifting of vulnerable points. We desilt at one point, thinking it's a vulnerable area, but the rains fall in other areas. The rainfall pattern is also changing and catching us by surprise. We are engaging according to the new patterns."

However, experts say that the problem lies with the drain design.

"One apparent issue is that the design of the drain is wrong. On the other hand, desilting should be a routine activity. It should happen every three-six months. Why is the Palike only taking action after some accident? Desilting should be scheduled before the monsoon. As long as desilting does not happen routinely, it's not an effective solution," said urban expert Ashwin Mahesh.

Dr TV Ramachandra, a senior scientist at the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), said that to arrest flooding of road infrastructure, drains have to be connected back to the lakes. "We need to establish the interconnectivity of lakes via drains. Drains have been blocked by encroachments and non-removal of silt and accumulated solid waste.

In the name of remodelling, BBMP has narrowed down and concretised the drains. In the process, the amount of water expected to flow through drains has further reduced."

He added that altering the topography is going to kill Bengaluru. "The topography of the region is not decided by these people but by topographical factors. Officials can take up low-cost measures of desilting and reestablishing the interconnectivity of lakes. Additionally, officials responsible for allowing this need to be held accountable," he added.

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Rainy tale of two cities

Monsoon hits Mumbai, Delhi together for first time in decades

#New Delhi

The southwest monsoon advanced over Mumbai and Delhi together for the first time in decades as heavy rainfall with lightning and thunderstorm lashed the two cities on Sunday. According to an India Meteorological Department (IMD) statement, the rainfall arrived two days early in Delhi bringing respite from the scorching heat.

As per the Regional Meteorological Centre inputs, Mumbai city received 104 mm of rain and eastern suburbs and western suburbs received 123 mm and 139 mm of rain respectively in the last 24 hours. The primary weather station at Delhi's Safdarjung, logged 48.3 mm rainfall in the 24 hours ending at 8.30 AM on Sunday. Delhi's NCR (National Capital Region) like Noida, Gurugram, Faridabad and Ghaziabad also witnessed heavy rainfall. The Regional Meteorological Centre has predicted that rainfall intensity is likely to gradually increase over parts of Maharashtra during the next 4-5 days. There is an indication of expected severe weather in the next 5 days, it added.

According to the IMD, the southwest monsoon has also advanced over Chhattisgarh and the state is expected to receive rain for the coming three days.With the onset of the monsoon in Chhattisgarh, an alert has also been issued for heavy rains at one or two places in central Chhattisgarh.

Assistant Meteorologist, Sanjay Bairagi said, "According to the forecast for this year, there will be good rains. Due to the delay in monsoon, the work of farming may have lagged behind by 15 days, but now that it is raining, there is good news for the farmers, they can start sowing."

The IMD on Sunday also issued an Orange warning to 13 districts in Odisha for the next 24 hours and informed that in the next 48 hours, the state will experience the maximum impact of a Low-Pressure Area formed over the northwest Bay of Bengal. According to the IMD, Odisha is very likely to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places over 10 districts and extremely heavy rainfall at some places in three districts and an orange alert has been issued in view of the same.

Meanwhile, incessant rains in the last 24 hours caused extensive damage in several parts of Mandi district in Himachal Pradesh. At the same time, roads have been shut in many areas.

A family enjoys a rainy day as the southwest Monsoon advances over Delhi, at Kartavya Path, on Sunday

According to an IMD statement, the rainfall arrived two days early in Delhi bringing respite from the scorching heat; Mumbai to get more rain

Several vehicles were washed away due to a flash flood in a rivulet at Janjehli in Mandi district. Many houses located downstream are facing risk and incidents of landslides have been reported at many places across the district. In the last 24 hours, Mandi has received 64.4 mm of rainfall. Other parts of the state have also reported damage due to heavy rain. Several vehicles were washed away in the Kullu district. Eight vehicles were washed in Maohal rivulet near Kullu town.

Owing to heavy rains in Uttarakhand, Rudraprayag District Magistrate on Sunday informed that Kedarnath Yatra has been stopped at Sonprayag. Rudraprayag District Magistrate Mayur Dixit said, "Kedarnath has been closed till further orders till the heavy rains continue."

The Rudraprayag Police on Sunday informed that police force, SDRF and DDRF teams have been deployed at the foot stops of the Kedarnath Yatra amidst heavy rains. "According to the forecast of the Meteorological Department, it is raining heavily from the lower area of Rudraprayag district to Shri Kedarnath Dham.

The police force, SDRF, and DDRF teams deployed at the foot stops of the yatra are helping the pilgrims cross the road amidst heavy rains," Rudraprayag Police, Uttarakhand shared in a tweet.

Also, parts of Haridwar city got waterlogged owing to heavy rainfall since late night on Saturday.

Areas like Jwalapur, Kankhal, Ranipur Maud, and Roshanabad in the city have been affected.

Subdivisional Magistrate (SDM) Haridwar Puran Singh Rana said, "Heavy rain has been continuing since morning. So far, no casualties have been reported. The drainage system has not been cleaned properly, resulting in waterlogging on the streets. A shop's boundary wall broke. We visited different parts of Haridwar City, and some people's houses were flooded with water. We will be providing them with gratuitous relief...the district disaster management team has been alerted. And the damage is being assessed." **– ANI**

India to remove customs duties on 8 US products

#New Delhi

India will remove additional duties on eight US products, including chickpeas, lentils and apples, which were imposed in 2019 in response to America's measure to increase tariffs on certain steel and aluminium products, government sources said. During the recent state visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the US, both countries decided the termination of six WTO (World Trade Organisation) disputes and the removal of these retaliatory tariffs on certain US products.

In 2018, the US imposed an import duty of 25 per cent on steel products and 10 per cent on certain aluminium products on grounds of national security. In retaliation, India in June 2019 imposed customs duties on 28 American products.

The duties on these eight US-origin products would revert to the current applied most-favoured-nation (MFN) rate after India notifies the rescinding of additional duties, one of the sources, who is aware of the development, said.

Tariffs to end in 90 day

As part of the agreement, India will be removing additional duty on chickpeas (10 per cent), lentils (20 per cent), almonds fresh or dried (Rs 7 per kg), almonds shelled (Rs 20 per kg), walnuts (20 per cent), apples fresh (20 per cent), boric acid (20 per cent), and Diagnostic Regents (20 per cent), the sources added. The duties were increased on 28 US products in 2019 in retaliation to the US decision to increase duties on certain steel and aluminium products. US lawmakers and industry leaders have welcomed the announcement of an agreement with India to end these duties. The US is the largest trading partner of India. In 2022-23, the bilateral goods trade increased to USD 128.8 billion as against USD 119.5 billion in 2021-22.

"India has announced it is lifting retaliatory tariffs that all but shut down the Indian market for Washington's more than 1,400 apple growers and now our growers will once again have access to this USD 120 million market," Cantwell, the Democratic Party lawmaker, has said in a statement. **– PTI**

Manipur CM asked to 'work harder'

Members of a group demand that PM Narendra Modi visit Manipur during a protest, in Bengaluru on Sunday

#New Delhi

The Central Government on Sunday ordered the chief minister of Manipur state to "work harder" to restore peace as violence between ethnic groups has not subsided for over 50 days despite a heavy security presence.

"I have been advised by the home minister to work harder towards restoring lasting peace in Manipur," said N Biren Singh, chief minister of the northeastern state after he was summoned to New Delhi for talks with Home Minister Amit Shah. Shah and Singh both belong to the same political party.

At least 80 people have been killed and more than 40,000 forced to flee their homes after clashes broke out in Manipur on May 3 between rival ethnic groups.

Violence between members of the Kuki ethnic group, who mostly live in the hills, and Meiteis, the dominant community in the lowlands, erupted as a result of resentment over economic benefits and quotas in government jobs and education reserved for hill people. Several rounds of peace talks between the groups have failed and sporadic incidents of violence and arson continue to deepen the crisis in the state governed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political party.

Human rights groups say Modi's government and party have failed to do more to end ethnic tensions. "I have been asked to further open channels of communication with all the stakeholders," Singh said. Manipur's government on Sunday extended the internet ban for five more days until June 30. **– Reuters**

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Kakuro

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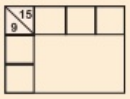
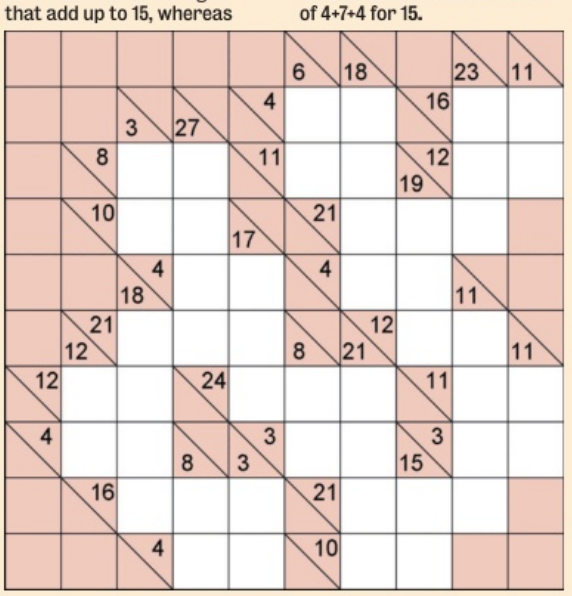


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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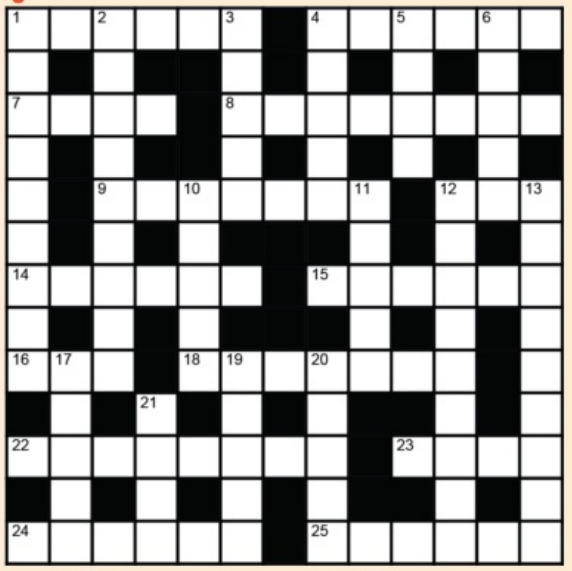


ACROSS

1 Angelic child (6)
4 You will find the Bangalore Golf Club on this road (6)
7 Covers (4)
8 The science of heredity (8)
9 People of Flanders? (7)
12 Assemblyman, in short (3)
14 Detached landmass (6)
15 Reddish brown (6)
16 Chap (3)
18 Any of teeth between canine teeth (7)
22 Sticking or clinging to (8)
23 Asian desert (4)
24 Alloy of copper and tin (6)
25 Reliable (6)

DOWN

1 Pigment; dye (9)
2 Curtains after Act III, perhaps (3,2,4)
3 Nawab's wife? (5)
4 Goes under (5)
5 Almonds, cashews, etc (4)
6 Microsoft's spreadsheet software (5)
10 Utter boredom (5)
11 Periods each of which is sixty minutes? (5)
12 Edible fungi (9)
13 Ancient times (9)
17 ___ foot : in the way? (5)
19 Clamour (5)
20 A casting obtained by pouring melted metal into a mould (5)
21 Eager; dirge (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS P

AYB HBXA CUD U EBMAIV LUM WVBWUVB UMIAYBV SBUTBV GX AI BZWIXB YGE IV YBV AI IAYBV KVBUA WBIWSB.

Linemaro

If I were a stop light, I'd turn red every time you passed by, so I could stare at you a bit longer

Mindchow

You should sit in meditation for twenty minutes every day, unless you're too busy; then you should sit for an hour

Joke of the day

Went to the zoo. There was only one dog in it. It was a shitzu

Loop

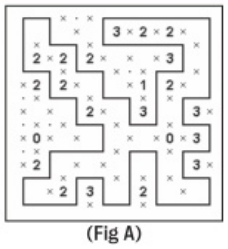
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

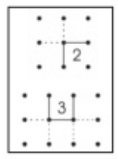
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

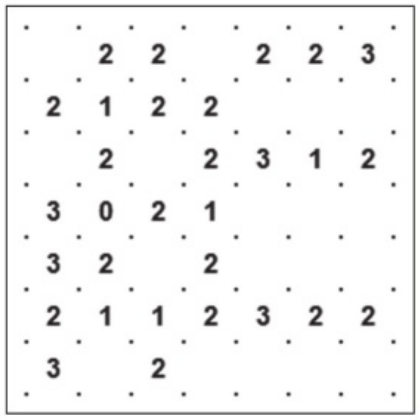
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



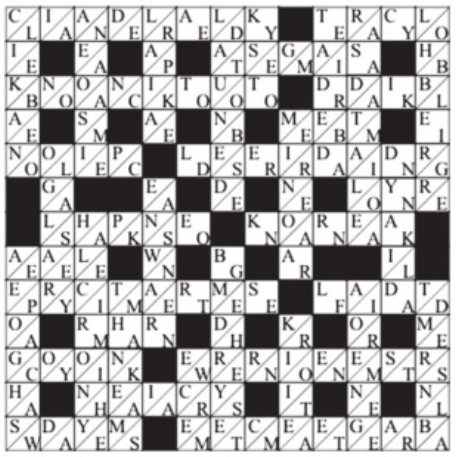
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



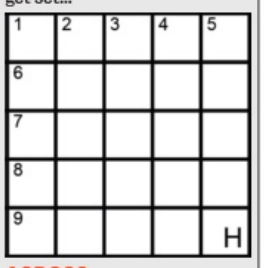
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Scalp; 6 Ryder; 7 I noon; 8 Tents; 9 So Hug

DOWN

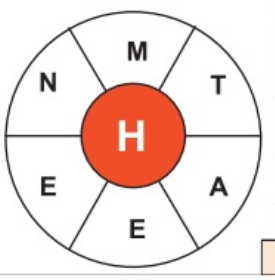
1 SOS Cr; 2 Olent; 3 A due I; 4 Or GNP; 5 Thy Sn

Mensapuzzle

Find the number to replace the question mark.

0.67, 0.69, 0.48, 0.88, 0.29, 1.07, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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1	2	4				7	5	
		5						4
	7	2			3		9	
5			9		6			8
	9		8			2	1	
6						8		
	4	3				6	2	1
	1			7				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

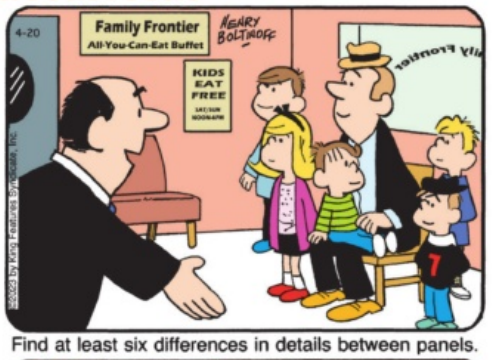
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 6
2 6 7 7

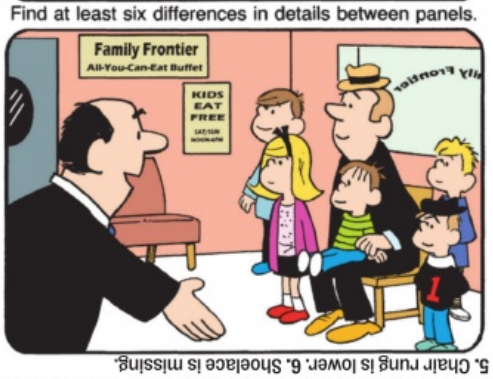
Medium = 25
4 6 7 8

Hard = 12
4 4 5 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



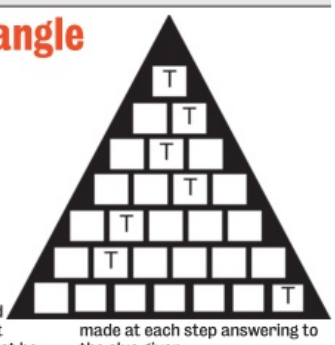
Differences: 1. Boy on lap is reversed. 2. Hair ribbon is different. 3. Number on shirt is different. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Chair rung is lower. 6. Shoelace is missing.

Riddler

What word can be added before or after these words to make a new word or phrase?
Area, Death, Kick

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 ___tu Brute ...
3 Snacked
4 Friend or ally
5 Driving force
6 Steady flow
7 Most cordial



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

I THINK IT'S TIME TO CHANGE MY IMAGE
BEAUTY SALON
I USED TO HAVE A "LOOK" THAT STOPPED MEN IN THEIR TRACKS
4-7
YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF GROWING ANOTHER MUSTACHE, ARE YOU?

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I CAN'T WAIT TO BUY SOME FRESH BROCCOLI!
GROSS. KIDS DON'T LIKE BROCCOLI. OR ANY VEGETABLE!
IF I HAD YOUR MOM, I WOULDN'T LIKE BROCCOLI EITHER.
ARE YOU SAYING MY MOM CAN'T COOK?
I'M SAYING YOUR MOM HAS TWO SEASONINGS IN YOUR KITCHEN: SALT AND PEPPER.

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be affected by the negative moon, which may make you upset and arrogant. You may be ready for sudden and unexpected changes in your day-to-day routine. Your profits may be converted into losses, so it is advised to postpone making investments for a few days. You may be in a stage of self-exploration, which may lead you towards the reality of life.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Money that was stuck may be recovered now, which may increase liquidity in your business. You may be in a leading position in your office in terms of projects. You may likely get incentives in terms of promotions. Bonding with your spouse may improve, creating domestic harmony.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may resolve many problems with the help of your way of speaking. You may also plan for some advanced courses to enhance your skills, which may be beneficial for your career in the near future. Love birds may enjoy their romantic moments. You may be able to control your opponents and rivals. You may also plan for a house or vehicle loan.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be busy with your kids' education. You may likely travel for your kids' education. You may also plan for a change in your current job and higher education to enhance your career. You may also hear some good news in terms of competitive examinations. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may likely have a change in your place or position. You are advised to read any document carefully before signing. Be careful in terms of your parents' health. Investments in risky assets may lead to losses, so it is suggested to postpone making investments for a few days.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may be energetic and make fast decisions in terms of your business. Your subordinates may help you complete your projects before time, which may increase trust in the environment. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now. Those in jobs may receive incentives in terms of promotions.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may need to control your straightforwardness as it may affect your relationships with the people around you. You may plan to renovate your house and spend on buying some artifacts for your home. You may likely enjoy a social event, which may increase your network. You may also invest some capital in your family business.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be blessed by the moon. After a sound sleep, you may feel healthy and enjoy every moment. The moon will make you confident, which may reflect in your way of working. Old health issues may be resolved now. You may likely help some needy person, which may increase your respect.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull, affecting your way of working. There may be some delays in completing your current projects, leading to arrogance in your nature. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Love birds may experience some break-ups.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may likely receive a big order, which may increase your business. With the help of an influential person, you may receive some benefits at work. You may also expect promotions. Job seekers may find suitable jobs. You may plan to renovate your house or office, enhancing your status. Enjoy your romantic moments with your loved one.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be busy at work, and the workload may make you mentally tired. You may not be able to enjoy a family event or arrive very late, which can affect your domestic harmony. Your efficiency may be praised by your seniors, leading to a promotion in your current job.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by elders. The crunch from the last few days may be resolved now, and destiny may help you. Your stopped projects may likely start automatically, and money that was stuck may be recovered. You may also plan for a spiritual trip with family members, which may increase your inner strength. There is a chance for an overseas trip or long-distance travel as well.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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= 46+.4 = 46.4

BULL'S EYE
anthem, hate, heat, math, METHANE, than, theme, then

FAST FIVE

C	L	A	P	S
R	E	D	R	Y
S	T	E	N	T
O	N	I	O	N
S	O	U	G	H

QUOTE UNCODE
The best way a mentor can prepare another leader is to expose him or her to other great people.

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
0.10. There are two series: −0.19 and +0.19: (−0.19) 0.57, 0.48, 0.29, (+0.19) 0.69, 0.88, 1.07, 1.26

RIDDLER
Penalty, Penalty area, Death penalty, Penalty kick.

SUDOKU

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3	8	5	7	9	2	1	6	4
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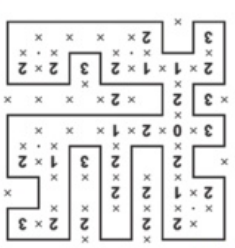
4	9	6	8	5	7	2	1	3
6	5	9	2	3	1	8	4	7
7	4	3	5	8	9	6	2	1
2	1	8	6	7	4	9	3	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
1. Et, Ate, Mate, Steam, Stream, Warmest.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 − 6 − 2 + 7 = 6
Medium
8 + 4 + 7 + 6 = 25
Hard
5 x 4 − 4 − 4 = 12

LOOP



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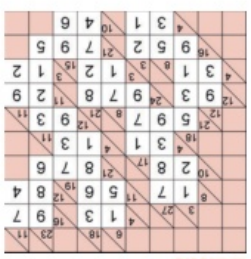

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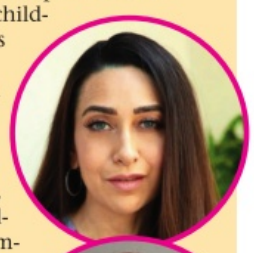
 # An honour Singer-composer Shankar Mahadevan has been conferred an honorary doctorate by Birmingham City University in recognition of his contribution to music and the arts

Birthday wishes to sister

Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan on Saturday extended a heartfelt birthday wish for her sister Karisma Kapoor.

Taking to Instagram, Kareena shared a collage video which she captioned, "My numero uno @therealkarismakapoor"

The collage video featured Bebo and Lolo's throwback photos and clips with their families, childhood days and fun moments.



Soon after she dropped the video, fans flooded the comment section with red hearts and fire emoticons.

Alia Bhatt's mother Soni Razdan commented, "Awwww. Happy Birthday @therealkarismakapoor have a wonderful everyday always." A fan commented, "You guys are bollywood's best pair of sisters". Another user wrote, "She is the Best... Most beautiful,evergreen @therealkarismakapoor HAPPY Birthday."

On the work front, Kareena will share the screen with Tabu and Kriti Sanon in 'The Crew'. Karisma will be next seen in an upcoming series 'Brown'. **ANI**

All in the views

Yami likes to have eye on how each of her films perform on OTT

Yami Gautam Dhar is one actress who has had multiple films like A Thursday, Dasvi, Lost among others releasing on OTT.

Does she take the pressure of the kind of viewership she gets for the films? "Well, I do take responsibility for my films. Not that I can do anything about it. A film is literally the director's vision that the audience is experiencing. Once it is released it is over to the audience.

But I do like to know about its performance and it is something that I am very well aware of how all my respective films have performed on OTT."

The actress is very happy and feels lucky with the way her OTT projects have performed till now. She adds, "They all have been in sync with the audience. Just like on the box office there are different stakes, like the stakes are way higher in a theatrical release in terms of returns for the producer. On OTT, it took us a while to understand (about gauging a film's performance) what with the kind of content the audience is engaging with and what kind of content they like etc."

Yami signs off saying, "In today's times the attention span is only going lower. People enjoy watching short videos on social media. So, today it's like shorter, the better. It is very difficult to hold on to attention especially when you have an option to skip. We can't complain, but adapt to it and make such amazing films or shows that are too good to be ignored."

-Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

Life in colour

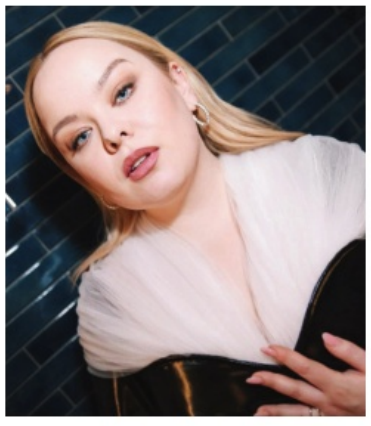
If we need proof of how much Alia Bhatt loves colours, just take a look at this album that is a visual treat

Watch this story come alive on your device by scanning this QR code

Racy scene jitters

Actress Nicola Coughlan, who plays Penelope Featherington in 'Bridgerton' Season 3, felt afraid to film her kissing scenes in the upcoming season of the hit Netflix show. The show is based on the book series by Julia Quinn.

Nicola has revealed that she struggled to lock lips with co-star Luke Newton because they're such good friends in real life, reports aceshowbiz.com."Terrifying! Luke and I read the books at the beginning of season one, and it was funny to us. We were like, 'Imagine if we have to kiss and do this.' And then season one come on and we were like, 'Oh god,' and then it's like, it's my friend. I have to kiss my friend," the actress told ET Canada when asked what it was like to shoot the steamy scenes."And you can't pretend to kiss someone, you have to really kiss them. It's a spicy one. It's a lot of the stuff from the books that the fans expect has made it into the show! Oh my God, there was one day where we had to sort of do like a very romantic, beautifully written romantic scene. And we were just



like peeing ourselves with laughter, 'cause you just have to, like, look into each other's eyes and we were like, 'Oh God!' "She was also asked to describe the new season of the hit show and explained that it will be different to its predecessors in that it's "so romantic." Comparing the different seasons of the show, Nicola shared: "I keep saying - season one was about passion. Season two was about longing. Season three is romance. It's so romantic." **-IANS**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

In her own voice

After a gap of more than a decade, Sandalwood Action Queen Malashree has finally dubbed in her own voice for her role in Kendada Seragu. Malashree last did dubbing of her voice for the film Shakthi, bankrolled by her husband Ramu in 2012.

According to director Rocky Somli, Malashree plays a police commissioner in Kende Seragu. "The movie is based on a novel written by me.The script revolves around women wrestlers and their problems," said Rocky Somli.

Rocky Somli debuts as a director in Sandalwood with this film. "The movie tries to convey that just because one is a sex worker's daughter, one is not a sex worker. She can become somebody in society if given the opportunities," he said. The movie was shot in Davangere, Tumakuru, and Bengaluru. "The movie has four action scenes. Malashree has two action scenes where she has to teach a lesson to trouble mongers. The movie has six songs and one song was shot in Kerala.

Song's a smash hit

The team of Abhiramachandra is elated over the response for the song – Oh My God Devare – of the movie. The team is celebrating the success of the song that has got 1.31 lakh views on YouTube already. Nagendra Ganiga has written the lyrics and sung the song, music for which is composed by Ravi Basrur.

"We are very happy with the success of the song. The post-production work is completed. This movie received a UA certificate from the Censor Board," said Ratha Kirana, one of the three heroes of the movie.

Ratha Kirana, an ayurveda doctor, makes his debut as a hero in Sandalwood with this movie. Prior to this, he acted in a music album, Aleyaagi Baa.

He said Abhiramachandra is a love triangle. The movie has three heroes – Ratha Kirana, Sid Moolimani, and Natya Ranga – and each one has a love story.